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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON MERGER OF JAPANESE COMPANIES TO CREATE ONE
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1. APPRECIATE ALERT REPORT IN REFTEL.

2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS ON SUBJECT MERGER INDICATE WHALING EQUIPMENT
OF NEW COMPANY WILL BE THREE MOTHERSHIPS. THIS WILL BE REDUCTION
FROM SEVEN PREVIOUSLY IN OPERATION. RATHER THAN THREE FLEETS IN THE
NORTH PACIFIC; THERE WILL BE ONE AND
INSTEAD OF FOUR IN THE ANTARCTIC; THERE WILL BE TWO. ARTICLES IN THE
JAPAN TIMES AND MAINICHI STATE THAT AT LEAST A DOZEN OF THE UNNEEDED
CATCHER BOATS WILL BE TURNED INTO OTHER TYPES OF FISHING BOATS.
NO INFORMATION AS TO WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE FOUR UNNEEDED
MOTHERSHIPS IS GIVEN. ANY INFORMATION FISHERIESHATTACHE CAN OBTAIN
ON DISPOSITION OF THESE MOTHERSHIPS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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